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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS FRIEDMAN, ZIMMERMAN AND HAMILTON MET WITH CONACYT'S RAMIREZ, VARGAS AND LODIGNANI TO DEVELOP MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TEXT FOR JOINT REPORT ON TECHNICIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH RESULTANT REPORT LESS THAN PERFECT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS IT BE ACCEPTED.

2. ENGLISH VERSION TEXT FOLLOWS:

"JOINT REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BOARD (CONACYT) OF MEXICO AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE PROGRAM OF EXCHANGE OF YOUNG TECHNICIANS.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YOUNG TECHNICIANS EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS BASED ON THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF JUNE 15, 1972.

"THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS THAT GOVERNED THIS PROGRAM WAS SIGNED IN MEXICO ON MARCH 6, 1973, AND EXPIRED THREE YEARS
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LATER: THEREFORE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REVISE, AND IF

NECESSARY, TO RENEW IT AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

"THE FIRST GROUP OF 22 MEXICAN GRANTEES LEFT ON APRIL 5, 1973 FOR WASHINGTON, DC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ORIENTATION COURSES.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, REPRESENTED BY CONACYT, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES FOR MEXICAN GRANTEES: ROUND TRIP; MAINTENANCE EXPENSES, THE AMOUNT OF WHICH HAS BEEN ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO COST OF LIVING ESTIMATES; MEDICAL, LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE; INTERNAL TRAVEL EXPENSES IN THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, COVERS THE EXPENSES FOR MEXICAN GRANTEES OF PROGRAM TRAINING AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT WEEKS.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES FOR US. GRANTEES: ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION (UNITED STATES-MEXICO-UNITED STATES); MAINTENANCE EXPENSES; MEDICAL, LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE; INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES IN MEXICO AS A RESULT OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM.

"BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRST EXCHANGE PROGRAM, TRAINING TO 23 MEXICAN GRANTEES WAS GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: AGRICULTURE, FOOD TECHNOLOGY, DESALINIZATION, POLLUTION, ELECTRONICS, MACHINE-TOOLS AND EDUCATION.

"THE JOINT COMMISSION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 4 THROUGH 6, 1974, WITH THE PURPOSE, INTER ALIA, OF REVISING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM; THERE THE DECISION WAS MADE TO CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRAM'S SECOND STAGE.

"IN THE SECOND EXCHANGE PROGRAM, WHICH BEGAN IN AUGUST 1974, 23 MEXICAN CONDIDATES WERE PROPOSED IN THE TECHNICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AREAS OF FISHERIES, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, EDUCATION, MACHINE-TOOLS, ADMINISTRATION, AIR POLLUTION AND MEDICAL ELECTRONICS. TWELVE WERE ACCPETED TO CARRY OUT THEIR TRAINING IN VARIOUS US. INSTITUTIONS.

". IN APRIL 1975 THE UNITED STATES PRESENTED 17 CANDIDATES OF WHICH 11 WERE ACCEPTED IN AREAS OF THE HUMANITIES, SUCH AS HISTORY, LITERATURE AND OTHER SOCIAL SCIENCES.

"IN GENERAL TERMS THIS PROGRAM HAS NOT FUNCTIONED ADEQUATELY DUE TO BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES. THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE HELD DISCUSSIONS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS AND PROPOSE SOLUTIONS.

"RECENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE APPOINTED THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (IIE) TO TAKE CHARGE OF PLACING MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS IN US. INSTITUTIONS. IT HAS BEEN AGREED TO WIDEN THE PARAMETERS OF THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CANDIDATES FOR ACADEMIC POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND/OR RESEARCH STUDIES.

"LIKEWISE, EFFORTS HAVE BEEN INITIATED TO INCREASE THE FUNDS ALLOTTED THIS PROGRAM TO AUGMENT THE NUMBER OF GRANTS. JOVA

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